

be submitting to OMB for approval. These collections are contained in (1) 30 CFR Part 740, General requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands (1029-0027); and (2) 30 CFR Part 745, State-Federal cooperative agreements (1029-0092). OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: 30 CFR Part 740—General requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0027.

Summary: Section 523 of SMCRA requires that a Federal lands program be established to govern surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands. The information requested is needed to assist the regulatory authority determine the eligibility of an applicant to conduct surface coal mining operations on Federal lands.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Coal mine operators on Federal lands.

Total Annual Responses: 31.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,582.

Title: State-Federal cooperative agreements—30 CFR 745.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0092.

Summary: 30 CFR 745 requires that States submit information when entering into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. OSM uses the information to make findings that the State has an approved program and will carry out the responsibilities mandated in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to regulate surface coal mining and reclamation activities.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.
Description of Respondents: State governments which regulate coal.
Total Annual Responses: 12.
Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,304.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Extension of a currently approved collection; Application for Employment/Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 15, 1999. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Patrick M. Maloy, 202-324-4960, Bureau Applicant Employment Unit, Administrative Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20535.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Application for Employment/Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form code and number is FD-140, and the agency is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The Application for Employment, FD-140, is utilized to collect pertinent background information on all applicants for FBI positions. The FD-140 is issued in lieu of Standard Form 86, Questionnaire for National Security Positions, to address suitability and security concerns beyond the scope of the SF-86. The Authority to Release Information, FD-406, is also incorporated into the FD-140 to obtain necessary records.

Other: None

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* It is estimated that 50,000 respondents will complete the FD-140.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total hour burden to complete the FD-140 is 400,000 annual burden hours. If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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